IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Christopher M. Jones **GROUP ART UNIT: 1732**

SERIAL NO: 10/618,781

EXAMINER: Leo B. Tentoni FILED: July 14, 2003

FOR: Method for Preparing and Processing a Sample for Intensive

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> Customer No.: 46133 Atty. Dkt. No.: 1391-34300 Date: August 7, 2006

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 5, 2006

Mail Stop Amendments Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action of May 5, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.